

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants amended claim 4 as requested by the Examiner to overcome the objection on pg. 2 of the Office Action.

Applicants amended all the claims to clarify that the “first print job” comprises a “print source file” and to correct issues of grammar, antecedent basis, and to clarify the meaning of certain limitations.

1. Claims 1-3, 6, 15-17, 20, 29-31, and 34 are Patentable Over the Cited Art

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 15-17, 20, 29-31, and 34 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Robinson (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0080402). Applicants traverse with respect to the amended claims.

Amended independent claims 1, 15, and 29 recite creating a first job ticket describing print instructions applicable to a print source file and creating at least one additional job ticket describing different print instructions applicable to the print source file. At least one page is altered in the print source file and the job tickets applicable to the print source file are updated in response to altering at least one page in the print source file. Each job ticket is stored.

Applicants amended claims 1, 15, and 29 to further require altering at least one page in the print source file and updating the job tickets applicable to the print source file in response to altering at least one page in the print source file. These added requirements are disclosed on at least paras. [0026] to [0029] of the Application.

The Examiner cited paras. [0064] and [0086] of Robinson as teaching the requirements of these claims. (Office Action, pg. 2) Applicants traverse with respect to the amended claims.

The cited para. [0064] mentions that multiple job tickets may be created for a single PDL document and to activate some are all of those tickets from a super ticket to permit production of various physical forms of the document in one submission. The system creates a pointer for each individual ticket and adds the pointer to the super ticket so that the super ticket may invoke the individual tickets. The cited para. [0086] discusses how to store the master tickets and job tickets.

Nowhere does the cited Robinson anywhere teach or suggest the added claim requirements of updating the job tickets applicable to the print source file in response to altering at least one page in the print source file. There is no mention in the cited Robinson that the

multiple job tickets created for a document are updated in response to altering the source document.

With respect to the obviousness (35 U.S.C. §103) rejection of claims 4, 5, 18, 19, 32, and 33, further discussed below, which concern specific types of alterations to the print source file and specific updating, the Examiner cited col. 10, lines 14-18 of Suzuki (U.S. Patent No. 5,923,013). (Office Action, pg. 4)

The cited col. 10 of Suzuki discusses how a page may be inserted into a print job and that a page number assignment module may insert a page number onto each page before printing.

Although the cited Suzuki discusses how a print job may be modified, nowhere is there any teaching or suggestion in the cited Suzuki of the added claim requirement of updating the job tickets applicable to the print source file in response to altering at least one page in the print source file.

If one were to modify the cited Robinson with Suzuki, the combined teachings concern allowing the creation of multiple print job tickets for a document (as in Robinson) and then allowing altering of a document (as in Suzuki). However, there is no teaching or suggestion in either the cited Robinson nor Suzuki of updating multiple job tickets created for a print job source file if the print source file is altered.

Accordingly, amended claims 1, 15, and 29 are patentable over the cited art because the cited combination of Robinson and Suzuki fail to teach or suggest all the claim requirements, either alone or in combination.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 16, 17, 20, 30, 31, and 34 are patentable over the cited art because they depend from one of claims 1, 15, and 29, which are patentable over the cited art for the reasons discussed above.

Applicants amended these claims to clarify certain of the language.

2. Claims 4, 5, 7-14, 18, 19, 21-28, 32, 33, and 35-42 are Patentable Over the Cited Art

The Examiner rejected claims 4, 5, 7-14, 18, 19, 21-28, 32, 33, and 35-42 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103(a)) over Robinson in view of Suzuki. Applicants traverse.

Claims 4, 5, 7-14, 18, 19, 21-28, 32, 33, and 35-42 are patentable over the cited art because they depend from one of claims 1, 15, and 29, which are patentable over the cited art for

the reasons discussed above. Moreover, the below discussed dependent claims provide additional grounds of patentability over the cited art.

Claims 4, 5, 18, 19, 32, and 33 additionally require that altering the print source file comprises moving, inserting or deleting at least one page in the print source file and that updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket to account for the alteration of the print source file.

Applicants amended these claims to integrate the additional requirements of these claims with the requirements added to the independent claims and to clarify the claim language.

The Examiner cited col. 10, lines 14-18 of Suzuki as teaching the additional requirements concerning altering the print source file. (Office Action, pg. 4) Applicants traverse.

As discussed, the cited col. 10 of Suzuki discusses how a print job may be altered by inserting a blank page. Although Suzuki discusses modifying a page in a document, nowhere is there any teaching or suggestion in the cited Suzuki of the added claim requirement of updating the job tickets in response by automatically amending the print instructions of the job tickets to account for the alteration.

If one were to modify the cited Robinson with Suzuki, the combined teachings concern allowing the creation of multiple print job tickets for a document and then allowing altering of a document. However, there is no teaching suggestion in either the cited Robinson or Suzuki of updating multiple job tickets by automatically amending the print instructions of the job tickets to account for the alteration. Although Robinson mentions multiple job tickets for a document, nowhere does the cited Robinson and Suzuki anywhere teach or suggest how the multiple job tickets are automatically amended in response to inserting, deleting or moving one page in the print source file.

Accordingly, claims 4, 5, 18, 19, 32, and 33 provide additional grounds of patentability over the cited art.

Amended claims 7, 8, 21, 22, 35, and 36 depend from one of claims 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, and 30 and further require that the print source file comprises a first print source file. Altering, the at least one page in the first print source file comprises importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file. The claims further require receiving selection to retain the print characteristics of the at least one imported page as defined in a job ticket

associated with the second print source file and that updating the job tickets applicable to the first print source comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket applicable to the first print source file to account for the at least one imported page.

Applicants amended these claims to integrate the additional requirements of these claims with the requirements added to the independent claims and to clarify the claim language.

The Examiner cited col. 15, lines 7-13 and col. 23, lines 32-44 of Suzuki as teaching the additional requirements of altering the print source file by importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file and choosing to retain the print characteristics of the imported page. (Office Action, pgs. 4-5) Applicants traverse.

The cited col. 15 discusses a variable page print mode using variable contents. The cited col. 23 discusses how pages have page data of the page sizes and paper orientations. Nowhere do any of the cited references teach or suggest updating the job tickets applicable to the print source file by automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket applicable to the first print source file to account for the at least one imported page. Nowhere does the cited Robinson nor Suzuki teach or suggest the claim requirement of updating multiple print job tickets applicable to a print source file in response to importing a page into the print source file.

Accordingly, claims 7, 8, 21, 22, 35, and 36 provide additional grounds of patentability over the cited art.

Amended claims 9, 10, 23, 24, 37, and 38 include the requirements of claims 7, 8, 21, 22, 35, and 36, respectively, and provide further requirements of assigning default set of print characteristics to the imported page defined in an active job ticket associated with the first print source file. Thus, Applicants submit that these claims provide further grounds of distinction over the cited art for the reasons discussed with respect to claims 7, 8, 21, 22, 35, and 36.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-42 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants submit herewith a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

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